

# Single Stream Recycling Nets Town Additional \$109,020 in Disposal Cost Savings and Revenue in First Quarter of 2014

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**Farmingville, NY** - Supervisor Ed Romaine and Councilman Tim Mazzei have announced that a 15% increase in residential recycling rate has netted \$109,020 in disposal cost savings and revenue for the Town in the first quarter of 2014. This increase is a result of the Town's new Single Stream Recycling program that began in January of this year. The increase is measured in comparison to the same period in 2013.

In the first quarter of this year, over 6,501.30 tons of recyclables were collected, an 872.16 ton increase as compared to the 5,629.14 tons that were collected during the same period in 2013. The avoided disposal cost plus the revenue paid for the additional recyclable material equates to \$109,020.

"Our first quarter results show that residents have responded favorably to Single Stream Recycling and now that spring is here, we expect the numbers to rise and meet our expectations," said Supervisor Romaine. "Recycling benefits the taxpayer and is good for the environment and I ask that residents step up their efforts and help make Brookhaven a cleaner, greener place to live."

Councilman Tim Mazzei, who serves as the Town Board Liaison to the Department of Waste Management said, "Residents have embraced Single Stream Recycling because it's convenient and as time goes by, more people will participate. I believe that these numbers will rise and that's a good thing for the town and the environment."

Single Stream Recycling has been implemented in several communities throughout New York State and the country, however, Brookhaven is the first on Long Island. The new Single Stream Recycling program allows residents to combine their paper and co-mingled items into one container, with no sorting required. In addition, the Town has expanded its program to include plastics #3 to #7. In the past, only plastics #1 and #2 were recycled. The Town also expects to increase revenue by accepting recyclables from other municipalities in the region that seek to convert to the Single Stream collection format

For more information about recycling in the Town of Brookhaven, go to [www.brookhaven.org](http://www.brookhaven.org).

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